**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ATHANASIOS OUZOUNIDIS OF SUMTER AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Athanasios “Arthur” Ouzounidis of Sumter on February 29, 2020, at the age of sixty‑one; and

Whereas, born on March 16, 1958, in Agios Loukas, Greece, Arthur Ouzounidis was the son of Ioannis Ouzounidis and Efthimia Papadopoulos Ouzounidis; and

Whereas, at the age of eighteen, Arthur immigrated to the United States in order to pursue the American dream. Having been bestowed the gift of hospitality, Arthur went on to own and operate multiple restaurants, including Georgios Restaurant in St. George; and

Whereas, a dedicated family man, Arthur enjoyed visiting his sister, Georgia, and playing tavli with his brother‑in‑law, Christos. He was happiest celebrating religious holidays with his extended family and traveling to Greece yearly with his wife and daughters to whom he was most devoted; and

Whereas, Arthur Ouzounidis leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Eleni Kokotinis Ouzounidis; two daughters, Ioanna Ouzounidis Murphy and her husband, Sean, of Southern Pines, North Carolina, and Maria Ouzounidis of Sumter; two brothers, Haralambos Ouzounidis and his wife, Theodosia, of Columbia and Antonios Ouzounidis of Columbia; one sister, Georgia Dimitriadis and her husband, Christos, of Sumter; and numerous nieces and nephews. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Athanasios Ouzounidis of Sumter and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Mr. Athanasios “Arthur” Ouzounidis.

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